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SUBJ: VISIT OF DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO BUDAPEST

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM DANISH CHARGE FURTHER DETAILS
ON TALKS HIS FOREIGN MINISTER (ANDERSEN) HAD WITH HUNGARIAN
COUNTERPART (PUJA) DURING ANDERSEN'S VISIT (APRIL 25-30).
THEY DEAL PRIMARILY WITH DETENTE, CSCE, MBFR, AND UN.

2. DETENTE: PUJA DECLARED THAT IN CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES
AND ONE FAR EASTERN (RAD PRC) FORCES AGAINST DETENTE ARE
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INCREASINGLY ACTIVE. HE CLAIMED TO SEE INCREASING SKEPTICISM

IN WEST REGARDING BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND CITED, IN SUPPORT OF HIS VIEW THAT THERE IS A SLOWDOWN IN TEMPO OF DETENTE, ONEROUS RESTRICTIONS IN U.S. TRADE BILL AND LACK OF PROGRESS AT GENEVA AND VIENNA. PUJA WARNED THAT IF WESTERN DEFENSE UNION (SIC) COMES INTO HANDS OF CERTAIN CIRCLES IN FRG, E.G. CDU LEADER STRAUSS, IT WOULD BE A DANGEROUS THING FOR WORLD PEACE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT CERTAIN EEC COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO PLAY OFF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. HE ARGUED THAT EEC SHOULD BE MORE SERIOUS IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH CEMA. HE SAID HUNGARY PREFERRED THAT A GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF RELATIONS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN EEC AND CEMA FIRST, TO BE FOLLOWED BY BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN CEMA AND EEC STATES. SAID HUNGARY IS NOT RPT NOT WILLING TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH UNIFIED EEC MACHINERY IN BRUSSELS.

3. CSCE: PUJA SAID THERE HAS BEEN SOME GOOD PROGRESS IN PHASE II TALKS BUT PACE HAD BEEN TOO SLOW. DECLARED WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE NOW ENGAGED IN SLOWDOWN AT GENEVA IN MOVE TO EXTRACT ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS FROM EAST, ADDING THAT IT IS APPARENT AT GENEVA THAT WESTERN POWERS DO NOT RECOGNIZE THAT EASTERN COUNTRIES ARE NOT IDENTICAL IN THEIR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICIES. RE BASKET III PUJA CLAIMED NEITHER SPAIN NOR TURKEY IS PREPARED TO ALLOW FREE EXCHANGE OF NEWSPAPERS OR JOURNALISTS, IMPLYING THAT WEST SHOULD NOT BE POINTING FINGER AT WP DIFFICULTIES IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THESE MATTERS. RE FREER MOVEMENT OF PERSONS SAID BRITAIN AND FRANCE CLAIM THEY CANNOT CHANGE THEIR VISA LAWS TO ALLOW FOR EASIER ENTRY OF HUNGARIANS, ANOTHER INCONSISTENCY IN WESTERN POSITION ON BASKET III. PUJA SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WESTERN RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT EASTERN PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT CSCE BODY. HE STRESSED OPPOSITION TO DANISH SUGGESTION THAT THERE BE A TWO-YEAR INTERMISSION BETWEEN PHASE III AND CONVENING OF POST-CSCE CONFERENCE. RE CBMS, PUJA IMPLIED WEST BEING OVERLY DEMANDING ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS, WHEN "U.S. IS BOASTING THAT WITH ITS SATELLITIES IT CAN FOLLOW A SINGLE TRUCK AROUND COUNTRY. CONFIDENTIAL

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THEREFORE, WE SHOULD HOPE THEY CAN FOLLOW AT LEAST ONE DIVISION."

4. MBFR: PUJA DECLARED IT WILL BE LONG TIME BEFORE AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN VIENNA TALKS, MAIN DIFFICULTY BEING DESIRE FOR ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS. SAID IT REALLY NOT CLEAR THAT WP IS STRONGEST FORCE IN EUROPE. SAID WESTERN PRESS CONTINUES TO PUBLISH EXAGGERATED

FIGURES ON EASTERN FORCE LEVELS. SOUTHERN FLANK HAS ONLY SOVIET NAVY WITH NO BASES IN MEDITERRANEAN WHILE 6TH FLEET HAS MANY BASES IN AREA. "IF WE REDUCE IN CENTRAL EUROPE", HE SAID, "WE REDUCE OUR WHOLE MILITARY POTENTIAL". PUJA CHARGED THAT WESTERN POWERS CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGE IN VIENNA TALKS. ARGUED THAT SINCE FRG PROVIDES 50 PERCENT OF WESTERN FORCES, AMERICAN AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS WOULD PROVIDE WEST WITH ONE-SIDED MILITARY ADVANTAGE. HE LINKED HUNGARY WITH ITALY, DECLARING THAT IF ITALY WOULD BE WILLING TO REDUCE ITS NATIONAL FORCES, HUNGARY WOULD DO LIKEWISE. ITALIANS, HE SAID, DO NOT HIDE FACT THAT IN CASE OF WAR THEIR MISSION IS TO NEUTRALIZE HUNGARY. ANDERSEN NOTED PUJA'S REMARKS RE ALLEGED EXAGGERATION IN WESTERN PRESS OF WP FORCE LEVELS AND OBSERVED THAT PUJA HAD JUST GIVEN HIM A GOOD REASON WHY THE EASTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD PUBLISH FORCE LEVEL FIGURES TO CORRECT RECORD.

5. UN: AT ONE POINT IN CONVERSATION ANDERSEN TOLD PUJA THAT IF QUESTION IF ISRAEL'S EXPULSION WERE RAISED IN UN, DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE ITS PEOPLE THAT DENMARK SHOULD REMAIN IN THAT ORGANIZATION.

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